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1. RE PYRILIN'S OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE VISIT
TO EGYPT OF SOVIET LEADERS OTHER THAN BREZHNEV, I RECALL
PRESIDENT SADAT TOLD ME TWO MONTHS AGO THAT THE SOVIETS
HAD PROPOSED THAT PODGORNYY VISIT CAIRO.

SADAT INDICATED HE HAD
IRATELY REJECTED SUGGESTION. HE WOULD NOT RECEIVE A
SOVIET LEADER, HE TOLD ME, WHO HAD PUBLICLY DENIGRATED
THE COMPETENCE OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES. HE DID
NOT ELABORATE ON WHEN THIS SUPPOSEDLY TOOK PLACE, BUT
I RATHER GATHERED IT WAS ON RECENT PODGORNYY TRIP TO
TURKEY. GIVEN THE PRESIDENT'S STRONG FEELINGS ON
THIS SCORE. I WOULD THINK THAT UNLESS PODGORNYY
PUBLICLY APOLOGIZES, EGYPTIANS ARE NOT LIKELY TO
RECEIVE HIM IN CAIRO.

2. IN ANY CASE, PRESIDENT SADAT BELIEVES THAT AFTER
ALL OF HIS PAST VISITS TO MOSCOW, BREZHNEV OWES HIM
AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CAIRO.
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